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For : METHOD FOR DISPLAY TIME STAMPING AND SYNCHRONIZATION  
OF MULTIPLE VIDEO OBJECT PLANES

## REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY CITED MATERIALS

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Sir:

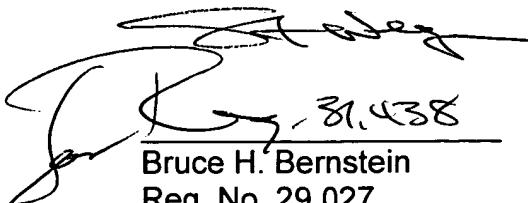
On December 15, 2000, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement in the above-captioned matter. Applicants note that while a signed Form PTO-1449 was returned with the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, the Examiner inadvertently failed to indicate his consideration of an article by O. AVARO et al., and an article by A. KNOLL, both of which were listed on the PTO-1449 Form under the section "OTHER DOCUMENTS". Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner forward a completed copy of the Form PTO-1449 that was filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on December 15, 2000, in which the Examiner confirms his consideration of these two documents. For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 15, 2000 (along with copies of the previously submitted articles), a copy of the previously filed Form PTO-1449 listing

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the two articles thereon, and a copy of the date-stamped mailroom receipt evidencing the prior filing of the same.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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The Patent Office Date stamp hereon is an acknowledgement that, on the date indicated, the Patent Office received the following:

Request for Release of U.S. Patent No. 6,075,576, Issued 6/13/2000, in the name of T. K. TAN et al.

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_

Executed Assignment and cover letter  
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( ) Utility Patent Application Transmittal

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In the matter of : METHOD FOR DISPLAY TIME STAMPING AND SYNCHRONIZATION OF MULTIPLE VIDEO OBJECT PLANES

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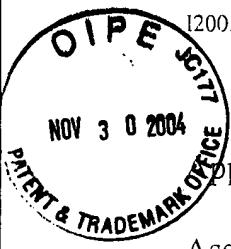
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)													
	1	O. AVARO et al., entitled "The MPEG-4 systems and description languages: A way ahead in audio visual information representation", at pages 385-431 of SIGNAL PROCESSING, IMAGE COMMUNICATION, vol. 9, no. 4, May 1997.											
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner assigned to the above-referenced application:

An International Search Report that issued on November 7, 1997 for counterpart Japanese PCT application PCT/JP97/02319, was cited in the U.S. application that issued as U.S. Letters Patent 6,075,576, in which the following documents were cited as being relevant by the Examiner:

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An article by O. AVARO et al., entitled "The MPEG-4 systems and description languages: A way ahead in audio visual information representation", at pages 385-431 of SIGNAL PROCESSING. IMAGE COMMUNICATION, vol. 9, no. 4, May 1997, was cited by the Foreign Examiner as being a category "A" document, pertaining to a document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance, as well as a category

“P” document, pertaining to a document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed, with respect to claims 1-8 of the foreign application. The foreign Examiner indicated that page 423, paragraph 6.2.1 and page 424, paragraph 6.2.2 are relevant;

An article by A. KNOLL, entitled “MSDL: MPEG-4-SYSTEMS AND DESCRIPTION LANGUAGES”, at pages 459, 460, 462, 464 and 465 of FERNSEH UND KINOTECHNIK, vol. 50, No. 8/09, August 1996, which was cited by the Examiner as being a category “P” and “A” document, with respect to claims 1-8 of the foreign application. The Examiner indicated that paragraph 9 is relevant;

European Patent EP 0 648 056 to Thomson Consumer Electronics, published on April 12, 1995, was cited by the foreign Examiner as being a category “A” document with respect to claims 1-8 of the foreign application. The Examiner indicated that the Abstract and Fig. 1 are relevant. Applicants note that U.S. Patents 5,430,485 and 5,467,139 are counterpart documents; and

European Patent EP 0 634 870 A2 to Pioneer Electronic Corp., published on January 18, 1995, was cited by the foreign Examiner as being a category “A” document with respect to claims 1-8 of the foreign application. The Examiner indicated that the Abstract; column 10, lines 44-48; column 11, lines 31-38; and Fig. 9 are relevant. Applicants note that U.S. Patent 5,537,409 is a counterpart document.



The following documents were cited by the Examiner in U.S. Application No. 09/011,761 that issued as U.S. Letters Patent 6,075,576:

U.S. Patent 5,793,431 to BLANCHARD, which issued in August, 1998; and

U.S. Patent 5,784,422 to HEERMANN, which issued in July, 1998.

A copy of each document is enclosed herewith for the review of the Examiner, and as provided in M.P.E.P. §609. Further, these documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each cited document and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing the enclosed PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialed form with the next communication.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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